French Wives Carry On Business Husbands Dropped To Fight German Invader

Mme. Adolphe Brisson Tells How Women of France Have Shouldered Burdens of War to Keep Nation Running Industrially While Men Are at the Front-"Future Woman of France Will Be More Self Rellant," She Says, "Because She Has Learned to Do Things Outside the Home."

By Helen H. Hoffman

PARIS, Sept. 20. 66 Y AR has worked a great change in the life of the French woman. That is to say, the life of the average woman, the woman who had always occupied herself with some real interest, whether it was in the home, or helping her husband to carry on his business, or being actively associated with some philanthropic work."

Mme, Adolphe Brisson, who was discussing the future of the French woman and her interests after the war, is one of the leaders of the literary life in France, and has played an important part in the educational advancement of the young women of her country.

Mme. Brisson came into prominent notice some years ago, when she began the publication of a journal known as Les Annales. The little magazine devoted to the varied interests of women created guite a stir at the time, for up to this time women had contented themselves with reading what men wrote for them and about them. The magazine subjects covered a wide range of interest, from the literary and artistic to the things that concerned the home and the atelier. To-day its pages are largely devoted to discussions of war subjects, bearing on the work of the great army of French women engaged in war service of various sorts.

Having made a success of the magazine, Mme. Brisson later opened a en; women handle a big proportion school for girls, the first of its kind of the baggage at the large railroad to be established in France, where stations, and they have proved themyoung women could receive an edu- selves excellent mechanics in the recation similar to that received now pair departments of railroad shops by American girls in their colleges Thousands, of course, are employed and universities. In this work Mme, in the munition works, and women Brisson had the support of the lead- who before the war possessed little ing educators of France. When Mme. knowledge of other labor than that of Brisson speaks of the work of the mending their own clothing and sewwomen of France she does so from a ling on buttons are now considered

very wide knowledge of her subject. When the war began," said Mmc Brisson, "the women of France were not slow to adjust themselves to the they were forced to meet.

"The French woman has always work of the little shop or factory that they had carried on together.

"Many wounded men upon their return from the battlefields," said Mme. Brisson, "have been happy to find chickens and other farm animals, their wives successfully carrying on the business which they dropped to den upon the women of France, and it take up arms in defense of their is no slight burden, either, but the country. The fact that these men women have carried on this work had something to return to, and that With the knowledge that they were their families were not impoverished. or dependent on charity, gave them as for their men at the front, and this a new courage and a new hope for fact gave them the determination and the future

the front, and two beautiful grown past four years. daughters, both of whom are married to young French officers who have received wounds on the battlefield.

"French women before the war," British women had. In war work, needle to good use. therefore, instead of the big organizations that were formed for women's out France in the great storehouses work such as in England, women here where damaged clothing of the solmen's committees or through the mend and press these garments and

Mme. Brisson herself, however, is an exception in this respect, for she organized at the beginning of the son, "there was no systematic trainwar a wonderful committee, which ing or education offered to young included among its members the wife women who cared to take up nursing of the President of France, wives of as a profession, but since the beginthe Cabinet officers, and men and ning of the war hundreds of young women of affairs in the country. The women have gone into French hoscommittee is known as the Maison pitals to do this work, and it is re-Claire, and at the present time is devoted to caring for more than 2,000 little war orphans, in quarters espe-

throughout the Republic. of her country, Mme. Brisson said "Women who had never left their

experts at the making of steel shells and other articles of army equipment

"Of course, before the war," said strange and new conditions of life tilled the soil and worked in the fields with the men, but when this great tragedy overtook us and the young more or less been the partner of her men were called from the fields for husband in business, so that when war service, the women added to their the husband was called away to the work that which the men had faid war the wife went right on with the down, and the food situation in France has been greatly aided by the fact that women worked long hours in the fields and plowed and raked the hay, and tended the cows and

"The war has placed this extra purdoing this for the Government as well the hope they have maintained Mme. Brisson has a son serving at throughout the dark hours of the

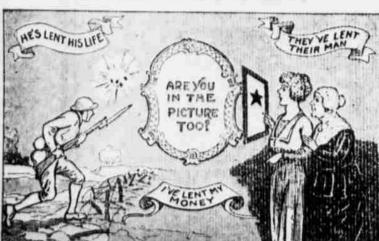
"Young and middle aged and elderly women have all done their share is of women who had passed the age said Mme. Brisson, "did not go in for where their strength and health prewomen's clubs and organizations to vented them from working in the the extent that the American and fields and factories have employed the

"These women are engaged throughhave rather more worked through the diers is brought for repair. They make great quantities of clothing for hospital nationts.

"Defore the war," said Mme. Brismarkable how soon they adapted themselves to the required duties there. Some of them have been deccially arranged for their keeping orated by the Government, not only throughout the Ropublic. Speaking of the particular kinds of rendered but also for the great courwar service rendered by the women age they displayed under heavy bombardment, when they stuck faithfully to their posts.

beines before to work, thousands of them, have been employed by the cities and the Government in special kinds of war work. They serve as waitresses on dining cars; the conductors and ticket choppers on the tramways and underground are wom-"Undoubtedly we shall see in the

Get Into the Picture!



Women Who Work to Help France Fight

Scene in Workroom Where French Women Repair Soldiers' Uniforms; Types of Munition Workers, and Mme. Brisson, Who Tells What Women of France Are Doing to "Back Up the Fighting Front."



Love Letters From a Candidate to a Candidatess

By Candidate ARTHUR ("BUGS") BAER, 4th Observation Battery

(Camp Zachary Taylor, Kentucky)

Camp Zach., Sept. Something, 1918. EAb 3.... I received the wonderful sox and earmuff that you knitted, but didn't get the sweater. Either it evaporated or you knitted it with dropped stitches. The sox were beautiful, but I can't understand why you made them both for the left foot. The first time that I were them I was bawled by the second loot for not standing at attention properly. He said that my feet were at ease, but if they were at ease, I can tell you that they didn't feel that way. Furthermore, they are the first sox that I ever saw which had fingers knitted in 'em. Are they wearing 'em that way this season?

The earmuff was spiendid, but why only one? You know that both my cars are in the army. It is a triffe warm for earmuffs at present, but I can use it for a barracks bag until the cold weather sets in. However, all the articles were magnificent; the only thing wrong with 'em was the color. The next time you knit me mittens or carmuffs, don't pick out cerise or scarlet. They don't do it that way in the artillery. Try to pick out some other color, as I can't stand at inspection with a pair of sox or a sweater that looks like a sunset somewhere in an Atlantic port.

You tell me that your old sweetheart, Orville Slacker, was turned down for broken arches. If that bird has any broken arches they are

been under terrible hardships, baving only gained eleven pounds last week. But somebody has to suffer for his country, and if birds like Orville refuse to do their share, then it is up to fellows like me to enlist and try to struggle along on three square meals a day. We only had turkey twice this week and ice cream on Sundays, but I don't complain, as I know that I am doing my share to help defeat the Kaiser's gray

Go out with Orville all you want to. But don't let him hold your hand. When I first shook hands with that bird, it felt like shaking hands with a pickled herring, and let me tell you, if he tries to sit on the sofa with you he is going to get knocked deader than two barrels of salted mackerel. You can tell that to the world, and say that I

I'll bet he will be glad when the war is over so that he can take off his glasses.

I am going to say goodby now dear, as it is almost taps. Remember me to your father, and ask him who he gets his cigars from now that I am busy making the world safe for near-sighted birds and democracy. Yours until the Atlantic Occan dries up. XXXXXXX

P. S .- If you can't knit me anything that will fit me, get your

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Would Husbands and Wives Make Marriage Happier If They Took Vacations?

Would Mutual Appreciation Be Reborn If Married Couples Occasionally Tried the "Absence Makes the Heart Grow Fonder' Treatment? Bored Husband, Nixola Greeley-Smith Believes, Would Soon Change His Tune If Sung to the Accompaniment of Temporary Bachelorhood.

By Nixola Greeley-Smith.

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E hear every now and then of a fifty-fifty partnership between a man and a woman-a marriage to which each contributes an equal quota of patience, energy, common sense and love. In the popular ideal of double harness the load is distributed

equally and carried with equal good will. But among our acquaintances do we not observe many tandem teams, in which one member-now a man, now a woman -does all the heavy pulling while the other prances ahead, making fancy caperings and snortings take the place of work? I am led to put these questions by a letter from a

woman reader who wants to know what she shall do with a husband who neglects her, although she "keeps a pretty home, is personally neat, is assured by her friends that she does not look more than twenty years old, and is employed during the day, earning \$101 a month, which she contributes to the household

expenses. For every marriage of this kind, in which the woman does far too much, adding that it is evident he is no there is a course; another, in which better pleased with her, since he the man silently pulls the load while spends all his time away from home the wife cavorts worthlessly nhead. The observer never sees what the hardworking partner gets out of the titled to so many months or weeks arrangement and is really not quali-

does not know what to do with a bachelor girl for a while. A friendly husband who fails to appreciate her is trying too hard. Love rarely goes a change in the wife's point of view as out to the deserver with the spontaneity she expects. A woman may bave the beauty of Maxine Elliott and husband after a while. And the mere fact that he knows he ought not to be bored, bores him more than ever

An old fashloned person would surely tell this young wife in search of advice to throw up her job and make her husband support her. The man, I forgot to say, has work of his own, otherwise I should feel that his remaining alive would be distinctly a non-essential industry. But I cannot suggest to a woman that she put aside the only effective weapon she holds against a husband's worth-

This particular husband may not be worthless, to be sure, except in his wife's eyes. Matrimonial values seldom have any relation to other estimates. On the domestic stock exchange a millionaire may range persistently below par, while the man who serves him his luncheon is rated it's a new cook or a new cigar-how by his wife as if he were New York difficult it is to get him to give away Air Brake or Bethlebem Steel. But the suit he was married in or the shirt assuming the facts to be as the wife presents them, what shall she do We know they still cherish reels and

band a vacation!

Tell him, as she has told me, just day, too, though they would die why she is dissatisfied with him, rather than admit it.

Of course, she must not quarrel with him, simply tell him he is enoff; that all husbands and wives are Probably the young woman who and that she is going to try being a absence often works quite as much of

in the husband's conduct, and is worth trying if only on that account widespread social conception of marriage as a Siamese twinship which only death or divorce can mitigate, There is not nearly so much difference Mrs. Tweedledum supposes before she gets her divorce. So I never recommend that process. Almost any man is the raw material of a good husband, But you have to be a competent chef to turn him out a finished product. band is such a dangerous being that he needs to be muzzled and chained inside the front door. But neither love

nor even fidelity has ever been compelled by petty exactions, by the woman outside. Women worry unnecessarily about this phantom. We all know how hard it is to get a man to like any sort of novelty-whether he were the day he was graduated. fishing rods they had when they were divorce? No. Simply give her hus- fangled" contrivances, Many of them

How I Began My Stage Career CLARA JOEL

WHEN I was but five years old I began singing and reciting in school, and nobody appreciated my undoubted ability more than myself. After each appearance I applauded, whether the other members of the class did or not. And I invariably took an encory unless the teacher headed me off. My mother always believed me a wonderful entertainer-and, woil, I

took after my mother. I forgot to say I was born in Jersey City. In that settlement even now you can find people who will admit they were always greatly pleased when I ended my recitation or song. After my school triumphs I began to appear in amateur comic operas and plays, and I always escaped serious injury. Mrs. Harry Boulier, whose husband is owner and manager of the Lyric Theatre, Hoboken (now laugh, dern ye!), persuaded me to go on the stage professionally. This fact gives me the right to contend dramatic actress.



You tell me that your old sweetheart. Ortile Stacker, was turned down for proken arches the analysis and any broken arches the same proken arches the analysis are under his hat. If in ever forget the night that stupid came up to your house and discovered me cating the candy that be had sent to you. It have not as happy as a dry tish. Now listen, bright eyes, while I am down here eating three meals a day for my country, I want you to enjoy yourself.

I admit that I am a here, as the work is very strenuous. I have

Why the Elephant Is Symbol

Of the Republican Party the first use of the elephant as a proposal potential symbol of the translational that the proposal the potential symbol of the translational that the proposal that the proposal that the proposal that the proposal the potential symbol of the translational that the proposal that